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BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MAURITIUS.

Telegrams from the governor of Mauritius state that during the week ended September 24, 1903, there were 47 cases of bubonic plague in the island, 39 fatal; and 19 cases, 54 deaths, during the week ended October 8.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Plague persists.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports October 9 as follows: Week ended October 3, 1903. Two vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 107

crew and 151 passengers, were inspected.

For the above period infectious diseases were reported in Yokohama as follows: Enteric fever, 10 cases, 2 deaths; diphtheria, 2 cases, no deaths; diphtheria (doubtful), 1 case, 1 death; plague, 3 cases, no deaths; dysentery, 16 cases, 4 deaths. Two additional cases of pest have been reported in the press since October 3, but no new infected foci have developed.

Week ended October 10, 1903. Eight vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 726 crew and 1,117 passengers, were inspected, 231 steerage passengers were bathed, and 327 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The official report of infectious diseases in Yokohama for the above period includes the following: Cholera, 1 case, 1 death; enteric fever, 10 cases, 3 deaths; diphtheria, 2 cases, 1 death; plague, 1 case, 0 deaths; doubtful plague, 1 case, 1 death; dysentery, 3 cases, 0 deaths.

The above-noted case of cholera is the first reported in this city during the present year. The patient resided in an outlying district of the city quite remote from the center of shipping activity. It is not believed probable that the case is other than a sporadic one. Cholera cases have been reported from a number of localities in Japan during the present season, but nowhere has the disease assumed anything like an epidemic character.

Plague seems to remain a fixture in Yokohama. No new foci of infection have, however, recently developed.

Would-be passengers recommended for rejection.

On steamship Coptic, for Honolulu	62
On steamship Tosa Maru, for Seattle	5
On steamship America Maru, for San Francisco	15
On steamship America Maru, for Honolulu	67

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports as follows: Week ended October 31, 1903. Present officially estimated population, about 8,000. Number of deaths during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, none. One case of yellow fever reported last week still in the lazaretto, but convalescing. The three deaths were from meningitis, swamp fever, and gastro-enteritis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Merida still infected with yellow fever, there being 10 to 15 cases in lazaretto, and 2 or 3 deaths during week from the fever.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.
Oct. 26 27 27 27 27 27 29 30	Am. ss. Vigilancia Ger. ss. Alps Nor. ss. Ulrican Nor. ss. Alm Am. sch. Nan M. Dantzler Am. sch. Susie B. Dantzler Nor. ss. Daggry	New Orleans Boston Mobile Ship Island Pascagoula	20 22 22 7	2	20	

a Via Campeche.

Report from Tampico—Decrease of mosquitoes.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Lippincott reports as follows: Week ended October 24, 1903—

Bills of health issued	5
Vessels inspected and passed	4
Vessels disinfected and passed	1
Personnel of crew	
Passengers	135
Baggage, pieces	116

There were 23 deaths from all causes, of which 1 was from yellow fever, 4 from tuberculosis, 1 from pernicious fever, and 17 from noncontagious causes. There were no new cases of yellow fever reported during the week, and but 8 left from the previous week.

The situation has apparently improved. The temperature has fallen from the recent northers, which probably holds the infection in check.

I find very few stegomyial existing since the last norther, which occurred on the 17th, while there is a noted increase in the anopheles. The surrounding country is still badly infected.

Two cases yellow fever at Dona Cecilia—Mosquitoes increasing.

Tampico, Mexico, November 6, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Condition uncertain; 2 new cases at Dona Cecilia since October 31. Mosquitoes increasing.

LIPPINCOTT.

[Doctor Lippincott was directed to continue the fumigation for mosquitoes, of vessels bound for the United States.]

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports, October 25, as follows: Week ended October 24, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of deaths during the week, 1; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and enteric troubles; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.